to deal with. Discussion is being urged by the State Department, and will, we hope, take place at latest on Monday. A review of the general situation and what progress has been made on various questions is being sent by Secretary of State.

I am confident that the Americans will take every possible step to help, but political considerations greatly hamper them and *they are quite unprepared* \ye continue to receive a welcome which surpasses the expectations of our best friends, and the personality of Balfour is carrying immense weight. It is, of course, a great asset to us.

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I am of the opinion that we cannot force the pace any more at present and it might be harmful to try to do so, but we shall insist without hesitation on the urgency and importance, particularly of shipping issues."

This Eirst British Mission to the States was in fact mainly concerned with preparing the ground for full co-operation and stimulating interest and stimulating interest and *Mr. Balfour's* good win. Mr. Balfour visited Chicago, *m ^States* SS Boston, and other great centres, and was everywhere received with enthusiasm. A letter from one of the members of the Mission to a colleague in this country describing their experiences, was passed on to me, and as it is interesting for its

sidelights I take from it the following extract:—

" A list of the dinners and receptions would bore you, but two items on the programme stand out. The Mount Vernon expedition to George